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1. (Currently Amended) A fishing reel comprising:
 - a frame adapted to rotatably support a spool adapted to contain a line thereon;
 - a static drag mechanism connected to a brake mechanism, said static drag mechanism applying a static resistance against rotation of said spool wherein said static resistance includes a constant, minimum amount of resistance against rotation of said spool; and
 - a manually adjustable dynamic drag mechanism connected to said brake mechanism and applying a dynamic resistance against rotation of said spool, said manually adjustable dynamic drag mechanism adjustably adding up to a user-definable preset maximum amount of dynamic resistance against rotation of said spool thereby defining a total maximum resistance against rotation of said spool, wherein said total maximum resistance against rotation of said spool includes the sum of said static resistance and said preset maximum amount of dynamic resistance.

2. (Previously Amended) The fishing reel as claimed in

claim 1 wherein said manually adjustable dynamic drag mechanism and said static drag mechanism are connected to a first and a second brake mechanism, respectively.

3. (Previously Amended) The fishing reel as claimed in claim 1 wherein said brake mechanism includes:

a ratchet plate disposed coaxially with said spool supported by said frame;

a friction ring substantially surrounding an outer surface of said ratchet plate; and

a yoke substantially surrounding an outer perimeter of said friction ring.

4. (Previously Amended) The fishing reel as claimed in claim 1 wherein said brake member includes a caliper and a brake rotor, and wherein said brake rotor is disposed coaxially with said spool supported by said frame.

5. (Previously Amended) The fishing reel as claimed in claim 1 wherein said static drag mechanism includes:

a static drag selection device, disposed on an outside

surface of said frame, and coupled to a static drag adjustment cam; and

an adjustment link pin disposed between said static drag adjustment cam and said brake member, wherein said static resistance against rotation of said spool is adjusted by rotating said static drag selection device thereby rotating said static drag adjustment cam, which in turn moves said adjustment link pin thereby altering said static resistance against rotation of said spool exerted by said brake mechanism.

6. (Previously Amended) The fishing reel as claimed in claim 5 wherein said static drag adjustment cam comprises a curved channel having a circumferentially decreasing radius.

7. (Currently Amended) The fishing reel as claimed in claim 1 wherein said a manually adjustable dynamic drag mechanism comprises:

a lever, pivotably disposed about an exterior region of said frame proximate a top portion of said frame such that said lever is substantially even with an outer surface of said frame; and

linkage connecting said lever to said brake mechanism.

8. (Original) The fishing reel as claimed in claim 7 wherein said manually adjustable dynamic drag mechanism further comprises an adjustable leverage mechanism.

9. (Original) The fishing reel drag mechanism as claimed in claim 8, wherein said adjustable leverage mechanism includes a plurality of adjustable pivot points disposed in said frame wherein a first end of said lever pivots about a pivot pin disposed within one of said plurality of pivot points.

10. (Previously Amended) The fishing reel as claimed in claim 7 wherein said lever is disposed such that said lever does not substantially protrude past an outer perimeter of said frame.

11. (Previously Amended) A fishing reel comprising:

- a frame adapted to support a spool having line;
- a brake mechanism coupled to said spool;
- a static drag mechanism connected to said brake mechanism, said static drag mechanism applying a static resistance against rotation of said spool, said static drag mechanism including:
 - a static drag knob disposed on an outer surface of said frame;
 - a static drag adjustment cam coupled to said static drag knob; and
 - a second linkage connecting said static drag adjustment cam to said brake mechanism; and
 - a manually adjustable dynamic drag mechanism connected to said brake mechanism via a first linkage, said manually adjustable dynamic drag mechanism adjustably adding up to a preset maximum amount of dynamic resistance against rotation of said spool in addition to said static resistance.

12. (Original) The fishing reel as claimed in claim 11 wherein said brake mechanism includes:

- a ratchet plate disposed coaxially with said spool supported

by said frame;

a friction ring substantially surrounding an outer surface of said ratchet plate; and

a yoke substantially surrounding an outer perimeter of said friction ring.

13. (Original) The fishing reel as claimed in claim 11 wherein said brake member includes a caliper and a brake rotor, and wherein said brake rotor is disposed coaxially with said spool supported by said frame.

14. (Previously Amended) The fishing reel as claimed in claim 11 wherein said static drag adjustment cam comprises a curved channel having a circumferentially decreasing radius.

15. (Currently Amended) The fishing reel as claimed in claim 11 wherein said a manually adjustable dynamic drag mechanism comprises:

a lever, pivotably disposed about an exterior region of said frame proximate a top portion of said frame such that said lever is substantially even with an outer surface of said frame;

and

linkage connecting said lever to said brake mechanism.

16. (Original) The fishing reel as claimed in claim 15 wherein said manually adjustable dynamic drag mechanism further comprises an adjustable leverage mechanism.

17. (Original) The fishing reel drag mechanism as claimed in claim 16, wherein said adjustable leverage mechanism includes a plurality of adjustable pivot points disposed in said frame wherein a first end of said lever pivots about a pivot pin disposed within one of said plurality of pivot points.

18. (Previously Amended) The fishing reel as claimed in claim 15 wherein said lever is disposed such that said lever does not substantially protrude past an outer perimeter of said frame.

19. (Previously Amended) A method of adjusting a fishing reel having a spool comprising the acts of:

selecting a total maximum resistance against rotation of said spool;

adjusting a static drag mechanism to provide a minimum, static resistance against rotation of said spool; and

adjusting a dynamic drag device to provide up to a preset maximum amount of dynamic resistance against rotation of said spool in addition to said static resistance such that said preset maximum amount of dynamic resistance which can be added includes a difference between said total maximum resistance minus and said static resistance.

20. (Previously Amended) The method as claimed in claim 19 wherein said static resistance is adjustable between approximately zero and approximately said total maximum resistance.

21. (Currently Amended) A fishing reel comprising:

a frame adapted to rotatably support a spool;

a static drag mechanism connected to a brake mechanism, said static drag mechanism applying a static resistance against rotation of said spool wherein said static resistance includes a constant, minimum amount of resistance against rotation of said spool; and

a manually adjustable dynamic drag mechanism applying a dynamic resistance against rotation of said spool, said manually adjustable dynamic drag mechanism including:

a lever pivotably disposed about an exterior region said frame such that said lever does not substantially protrude past an outer perimeter of said frame; and

linkage connecting said lever to said brake mechanism, said manually adjustable dynamic drag mechanism adjustably adding up to a preset maximum amount of dynamic resistance against rotation of said spool thereby defining a total maximum resistance against rotation of said spool, wherein said total maximum resistance against rotation of said spool includes the sum of said static resistance and said preset maximum amount of dynamic resistance.